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Q. *Is it true that Bobby Kennedy, Nick Katzenbach, and Ramsey Clark, each of them a U.S. Attorney General, could not get along with J. Edgar Hoover? What was learned from wiretapping the telephone of Martin Luther King Jr.? Did he turn out to be a Communist agent as rumored?—V.L. Lewis, Washington, D.C.*

A. Kennedy, Clark, and Katzenbach found that Hoover, ostensibly under orders to the Justice Department, ran his own show. King's telephone was tapped because at one time he had dealings with a Communist lawyer. He was never, however, a Communist or a Communist agent. For the most part, the wiretaps revealed that King on occasion submitted to temptations of the flesh.